GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS TO SHIP BUILDING REPAIR INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to accord infrastructure status to the ship building and repair industry for attracting investment for modernisation and capacity augmentation ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether the Government have reviewed the functioning of the subsidy scheme for the ship building industry ; and

(e) if so, the progress made by the ship building industry since the inception of this scheme ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a),(b)&(c) The Apex Committee on Shipbuilding appointed by the Government has, inter alia, recommended to give infrastructure status to the Shipbuilding and Shiprepair Industry. Committee on Public Undertakings has also made a recommendation to this effect. However, grant of any such status has to be preceded by inter-Ministerial consideration and examination.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Government has extended the Shipbuilding Subsidy Scheme which expired in August, 2002 for a further period of five years to all the Shipyards including Private Sector Shipyards.

(e) Two Central Public Sector Shipyards viz. Hindustan Shipyard Limited and Cochin Shipyard Limited have constructed and delivered a number of Ocean going vessels and have improved their order book position. The subsidy has enabled most of the Central Public Sector Shipyards to face international competition in securing orders for construction of Ocean going vessels.